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To: Honorable Eric D. Coleman, State Senator,  
Honorable Gerald Fox, III, State Representative  
and the honorable members of the Judiciary Committee

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Re: Raised Bill No. 6614, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL FOUNDATIONS

Date: March 25, 2011

I am writing to urge you to repeal Section 33-182aa of the Connecticut general statutes and approve Raised Bill No. 6614, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL FOUNDATIONS that is before you for your consideration. This proposed legislation represents a significant advancement in enabling health care delivery in Connecticut as it would amend current law to include an accredited school of medicine in the establishment of medical foundations.

An accredited school of medicine must have the ability to organize and become a member of a not-for-profit medical foundation. Governed by a Board of Directors, the medical foundation is necessary for the purpose of practicing medicine and providing health care services as a medical foundation through employees or agents of the foundations who are licensed pursuant to section 20-9 and through other providers. The General Assembly, on behalf of Connecticut residents, must assist in promoting a unified system that better serves its constituency.

It is widely believed that if physicians and hospitals integrate care and are held jointly responsible for the quality and cost of caring for patients, the quality of care could be improved and costs brought under better control. It is interesting to note that the federal health care reform law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act instructs Medicare to promote the development of accountable care organizations serving its enrollees. The preferred organizational structure for the networks of primary care providers, specialists and hospitals are the medical foundations.

In conclusion, I emphasize that the medical foundations offer a sustainable and appropriate framework for the efficient development and management of a comprehensive provider network. I appreciate your attention to this matter, and again, I urge you to support this proposed legislation.